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SUBJECT : BRIEFING FOR QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER ON COM'S

MEETING WITH SECRETARY IN RIYADH

REF: DOHA 205

1. ON FEB 20 I BRIEFED QATARI FOREIGN MINISTER SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMAD AL THANI ON COM'S CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY IN RIYADH ALONG LINES OF REFTEL.

2. SUHAYM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FIRSTHAND REVIEW OF SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS SETTLEMENT AT END OF HIS TOUR THROUGH AREA. SUHAYM WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE NOT RPT NOT LOSE SIGHT OF CENTRALITY TO SETTLEMENT OF RESOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN OUR CONCENTRATION ON EGYPTAIN-ISRAELI ASPECTS. I REPLIED THAT WITHIN
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CONTEXT OF STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH WE WOULD GET TO PALESTINIAN

PROBLEM WHICH WE RECOGNIZED AS A CENTRAL ISSUE BUT WHICH HAS BEEN FURTHER COMPLICATED BY ARAB DESIGNATION OF PLO AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR PALESTINIANS AND RESULTING STALEMATE IN POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT WEST BANK.

3. SUHAYM THEN EXPOUNDED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH HIS FAMILIAR THEME THAT ZIONIST INFLUENCE ON U.S. MID EAST POLICY CONTINUED TO THREATEN U.S. VITAL INTERESTS IN AREA AND VAST POSSIBILITIES OF US-ARAB COOPERATION.

4. LIKE THE AMIR, SUHAYM ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF SECRETARY VISITING GULF STATES IN NEAR FUTURE, STRESSING THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE INVALUABLE FOR U.S. IMAGE WHICH HAD DIMMED SOMEWHAT IN RECENT MONTHS. I ANSWERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT-PROVIDED GUIDANCE.

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